

# A comparison between Course Options and Youth Options

## NOTES:

1. For full-time open enrolled students, the district of attendance is considered the resident district for Course Options.
2. Course Options also provides access to courses in other K-12 school districts, charter schools, and nonprofit organizations approved by the Department of Public Instruction; these aspects of Course Options are not reflected in this document
3. Shaded cells indicate provisions that are the same for both Youth Options and Course Options

| Provision  | Youth Options  | Course Options  |
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| 1. High school credit for college course                           | District may award high school credit for satisfactory completion of college course(s); credit ratio is .25 high school credits for each 1 college credit  | Awarding of high school credits and ratios for high school credits to college credits are not addressed   |
| 2. Included colleges and universities                              | University of Wisconsin System institutions, tribally controlled colleges, private nonprofit institutions of higher education (collectively referred to as "Institutions of Higher Education"), and Wisconsin Technical Colleges | University of Wisconsin System, technical colleges, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and tribal colleges (also see Note 2 above)                   |
| 3. College course/credit limitations                               | 18 college credits total with corresponding district policy; no annual or semester limits  | Limited to "2 courses at any time"  |
| 4. Eligible students   | Students attending schools in Wisconsin public school districts  | Students attending schools in Wisconsin public school districts   |
| 5. Eligible grades   | 11 and 12  | All grades (K-12)   |
| 6. Applications & Notifications                                    | Student notifies school district ("board") using DPI developed form PI-8700-A and enrolls at college or university at which course(s) are being sought   | Student submits DPI developed form PI-8900 to college or university at which course(s) are being sought; institution sends copy of form to student's district |
| 7. Deadline for notification or application                        | Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Youth Options courses by March 1 <sup>st</sup> (for courses to be taken in fall) and October 1 <sup>st</sup> (for courses to be taken in spring)                            | Students must submit application to college or university not later than 6 weeks prior to course commencement date  |
| 8. Deadline for notifying student of decision                      | District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses by May 15 <sup>th</sup> for courses to be taken in fall and November 15 <sup>th</sup> for courses to be taken in spring                             | Both district and college or university must notify student of approval or rejection not later than one week prior to course commencement date                |
| 9. Method of selecting applicants when they exceed available space | Not addressed beyond "if it has space available" and that method must be nondiscriminatory   | IHE conducts random selection amongst eligible Course Options applicants  |

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| 10. Individualized Education Program (IEP)   | District may deny an application if the cost for services for a student with disabilities creates an undue financial burden on the district, though only for technical colleges  | Requires districts to deny an application if “the resident school board determines that the course conflicts with the individualized education program for the pupil”  |
| 11. District denial criteria for institutions of higher education (see 2 above for list) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn’t satisfy a high school graduation requirement</li> <li>• District offers comparable course</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Student may still take the requested course under Youth Options, but will have to pay all costs and, if determined to not satisfy a high school graduation requirement, only receive college credit</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn’t satisfy a high school graduation requirement</li> <li>• Doesn’t conform to student’s Academic and Career Plan</li> </ul>  |
| 12. District denial criteria for technical colleges                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undue financial burden for a student with a disability</li> <li>• Doesn’t satisfy a high school graduation requirement</li> <li>• District offers comparable course</li> <li>• Student is identified as a student at risk</li> <li>• Student is not in good academic standing</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doesn’t satisfy a high school graduation requirement</li> <li>• Doesn’t conform to student’s Academic and Career Plan</li> </ul>  |
| 13. Appeal considerations  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets graduation requirements</li> <li>• District offers comparable course</li> <li>• Filed within 30 days of receiving decision</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District “decision was arbitrary or unreasonable”</li> <li>• IHE’s “decision was arbitrary or unreasonable”</li> <li>• Filed within 30 days of receiving decision</li> </ul>  |
| 14. Rights and privileges  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No specific provisions in statute or rules</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “has all of the rights and privileges of other pupils attending the educational institution”</li> <li>• “subject to the same rules and regulations as those pupils”</li> </ul>  |
| 15. Expulsion/student discipline concerns  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expulsion not referenced in statute or rules</li> <li>• Student with “record of disciplinary problems” may be rejected by technical colleges</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident district must provide expulsion or pending disciplinary proceedings records upon request from IHE</li> </ul>   |
| 16. Responsibility for paying cost of approved course                                    | Student’s district of full-time attendance   | Student’s district of full-time attendance   |
| 17. Cost of course   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For WTCS and UW-System, actual resident tuition plus books and fees</li> <li>• For private, non-profit colleges, lesser of actual resident tuition plus books and fees or statutory formula amount</li> </ul>   | “An amount equal to the cost of providing the course to the pupil, calculated in a manner determined by the department [DPI]” which has been set at 50% of the cost of tuition not to exceed 50% of the cost of tuition at UW Madison for the same number of credits plus books and fees |
| 18. Transportation   | Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)  | Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)  |
| 19. Transportation assistance  | Sum-certain funding is available to assist in transportation costs for families in need  | Sum-certain funding is available to assist in transportation costs for families in need  |